

SESSION 5: I'M NOT THAT GUY!

- **Welcome & Review Last Week's Homework: 15 minutes**
- **Session #5 Teaching: NOT THAT GUY!: 10 minutes**

Matt Dickersheid shares a story that many men can relate to. Matt has been a long time member at Purcellville Baptist Church, and would faithfully attend services and try to leave as quickly as he arrived. It wasn't that he didn't like the church or the people, it was that he never felt spiritually confident that he could do much more than attend church. He and his wife, Courtney, would talk about him getting more involved in church and he would simply reply, "I'm not that guy!" "I am not a "church guy;" not good enough, and I don't have enough biblical knowledge to do anything more than attend church!" As an introvert, it was simply easier to "hide in the back" and try to never be visible!

Professionally, another Matt was being birthed. He had fairly low expectations as a child with a learning disability, even though he excelled in sports and became a college basketball player. He had aspirations to play pro ball, but God didn't gift him with the size needed to do that, so instead Matt turned his passion to help children learn. Since he struggled as a kid in school, he felt called to make a difference with children and became a kindergarten teacher. Matt felt that "he had arrived" when he got his first teaching job and never thought he would EVER want to do anything else. God had other plans. Over his years in the public school system, Matt's exceptional relational skills has made him a sought after leader. He worked his ways up the ranks through teaching, to administration, all the way to his current position as the Leadership Development Coordinator for the entire school system. There was NO doubt in Matt's mind that God was directing his professional path, BUT something was still lacking. Even though he became bolder and bolder about sharing his faith through the school system, he was still "not that church guy!"

Purcellville Baptist Church continued to focus in on their vision and core values and constantly shared them. The one that stood out to Matt was the challenge to "find freedom!" Matt wanted the freedom to be a consistent leader, at work, at home AND at church. He felt that to truly have freedom, he needed to be a man of integrity that no longer kept one of the most important segments of his life on the back burner. After years of feeling like he couldn't make a difference at his church, Mat had what he called his "GO MOMENT!" It was time to step up and be "THAT GUY" that God had been calling him to be.

God will equip you to be "THAT GUY" too as you step up and step out for Him. God created you perfectly and has already given you the tools and purpose that He wants you to use for His Kingdom!

Small Group Discussion: 25 minutes

- *Has the enemy been telling you that you are NOT that guy (or girl)? Discuss with your group.*
- *Is your "GO MOMENT" upon you? Discuss with your group.*
- *How can you invest time in your church and your community?*
- *Read the definitions of "Integrity" on the next page and discuss with your group.*

Small Group Wrap-Up: 10 minutes

- *What were the biggest take-aways and personal commitment from your small group time?*
- *What is ONE thing that you will do different this week in order to make needed changes that came up in today's study?*

Discuss This Week's Homework: 5 minutes

Review the 4-quadrant exercise on the next few pages.

Definition of Integrity

in·teg·ri·ty

1. *the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; moral uprightness.*

"he is known to be a man of integrity"

2. *the state of being whole and undivided.*

"upholding territorial integrity and national sovereignty"

*Did you realize that the state of **"being undivided"** was part of the definition of "integrity?" The state of "being undivided," speaks to balance in life. In order to fully understand our "balance" and make sure that we are living out of integrity, we need to look at and assess all quadrants of life. Those quadrants are, **(1) personal/professional growth, (2) work life, (3) relationships/family and (4) community/church.***

*According to the definition of "integrity," there is none if there's not a state of "being whole and undivided!"
Ultimately, YOUR purpose should be universal and apply to all areas of life!*

Proverbs 11:1 reminds us: *"A false balance is an abomination to the Lord, but a just weight is his delight."*



THE FOUR QUADRANTS

PERSONAL GROWTH & DEVELOPEMENT

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

RELATIONSHIPS & FAMILY

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

BUSINESS & WORK

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

COMMUNITY & CHURCH

1. _____
2. _____
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